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RWANDA: Government Keeping Pressure on Invaders

Rwanda's air and ground forces appear to have slowed the progress of Tutsi exiles invading from Uganda, but some fighting reportedly broke out early today in the capital. [redacted] Rwandan helicopters attacked a rebel supply column near Gaboro on Wednesday, destroying several trucks, and yesterday destroyed a communications post at Kagitumba, both in the northeast. Government armored and paratroop battalions yesterday attacked lead elements of the invasion force about 25 kilometers from Kigali, the capital, and returned there after dispersing the force into small groups near Lake Muhazi. Belgium and France are sending troops to Kigali to protect their embassies and citizens, according to the Embassy. France will provide supplies and ammunition for Rwanda's French-made helicopters. [redacted]

[redacted] Although the main invasion force has been slowed, some [redacted] probably have reached Kigali and the airport. The Army's superior numbers, airpower, and foreign support probably will enable it to push back the lead elements near the capital and eventually defeat the invaders. France, Belgium, and Rwanda's neighbors probably will work to stabilize the situation to prevent a wider ethnic conflict in the region. (S NF) -CIA, DIA-

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